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Witness My Hand and Seal Of Office
Geraldine E. Gutierrez

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 06-27-2019-01

**IN SUPPORT OF STRONG MEASURES TO PROTECT CLEAN WATER AND QUALITY OF LIFE;
AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE INCOMPLETE APPLICATION OF THE PROPOSED HARD ROCK
MINING OPERATION IN THE JONES HILL AREA OF THE PECOS RIVER WATERSHED ON THE
SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST BY COMEXICO LLC, A SUBSIDIARY OF NEW WORLD COBALT AND
IN SUPPORT OF STRONG MEASURES TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY.**

WHEREAS, on June 6th the Santa Fe National Forest announced that they had received a Plan of Operations from Comexico LLC, the American subsidiary of New World Cobalt, to conduct mineral exploration on previously identified deposits on the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) has received an application from Comexico LLC for mineral exploration in the Jones Hill area of the Pecos River Watershed;

WHEREAS, the Terrero Exploration Project include 4,300 acres (6.7 square miles) of claims in San Miguel County and Santa Fe County that border the Pecos Wilderness as shown in the attached map from Attachment 4 of EMNRD Application;

WHEREAS, the Company touts the previous identified mineral resource estimate at the site as more than 5,000,000 tons, which, while not identified as an economically viable deposit, is twice the amount mined at the old Pecos mine and dumped at the El Moline tailings sites;

WHEREAS, according to the application from Comexico, they have hired a third party contractor to conduct sensitive/critical species surveys, general biology surveys, hydro-geologic surveys, and cultural surveys to identify resources that may need protective measures;

WHEREAS, the Pecos River Watershed provides critical water resources to the communities of San Miguel County, including municipal, domestic and agricultural users and provides clean water to numerous ancient and agriculturally and culturally significant acequia systems;

WHEREAS, the state and other respondents have responded to reclamation efforts of the Tererro mine and mill site are still working to rehabilitate the Pecos Watershed and its downstream tributaries from toxic waste pollution originating from prior mining activity;

WHEREAS, clean water is essential for the health and wellbeing of San Miguel County residents;

WHEREAS, many residents and visitors depend on the Pecos River Watershed for recreational activities such as fishing, camping, swimming and hiking;

WHEREAS, the local economy is dependent on clean water to support farming, ranching, and recreation based economic activities;

WHEREAS, the 2019 NM State Legislature passed SB 280, which funds \$2,100,000 to the Pecos Canyon State Park;

WHEREAS, Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW) protections outlined in the state water quality standards prohibit increased pollution to waters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COMMISSION that the Commission direct our County Manager to formally request a public hearing on the exploration application and any subsequent permitting actions associated with the Comexico LLC mining operation in the Jones Hill area when application is complete with the accompanying surveys;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the County supports pursuing Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW) protections for the threatened portion of the Pecos River and associated tributaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that San Miguel County work with Santa Fe County for protection of the watersheds, the Pecos River and associated tributaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County directs its County Manager to review and revise any and all ordinances which apply to water resources and regulation of mining related industries as may be necessary.

Passed and Approved on this 27th day of June 2019, by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico.

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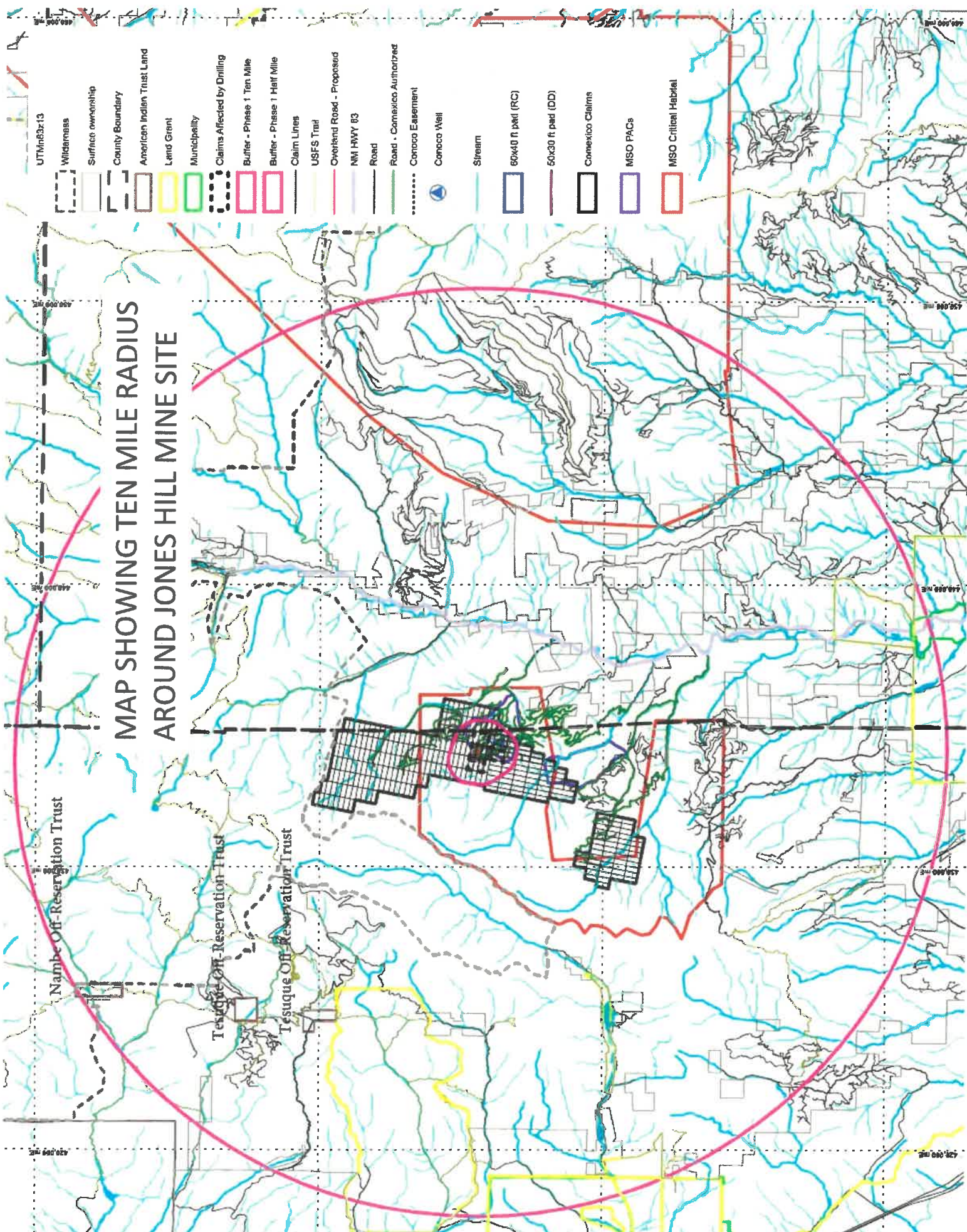
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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MAP SHOWING TEN MILE RADIUS AROUND JONES HILL MINE SITE



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